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## Church News

### FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS.

The Month of February is set apart, in the General Assembly's schedule, for collections for Local Home Missions. Remittances are to be made to the Presbyterian or Synodical Treasurer, as provided for in each case.

### AFRICA.

#### Missionaries in the Congo.

We find in our exchanges the following dispatch:

"Secretary of State Bacon was today, February 5, requested by Rev. S. H. Chester, of Nashville, representing the missionary department of the Southern Presbyterian Church, to authorize an investigation, through Consul General Handley, at Boma, Congo Free State, into the circumstances of the trial of American missionaries charged with libel by the authorities in connection with their reports on the condition of the natives. It has been alleged that the operations of the labor tax imposed upon the natives has reduced the Bukuba tribe to a condition of famine, because it leaves them so little time to devote to chop raising for their sustenance. The libel suit is not the first to be brought by the Congo authorities for reports of affairs in the Congo. Edgar Stanard, a British missionary, was tried and found guilty some time ago. The missionaries stated that certain evidence was suppressed in order to give a basis for the verdict. It is to forestall any action of this kind that Dr. Chester has requested the State department to keep the trial under observation.

### ARKANSAS.

**Little Rock:** Fifty-seven new members have been received into the Second church, Little Rock, during the first part of this ecclesiastical year. The salary of the pastor, Rev. Charles R. Hyde, has recently been raised.

**Mena:** Rev. T. A. Park, of Mason, Tenn., has accepted the call to the pastorate of this church, and has entered upon his duties.

**Gurdon:** This church has extended a call to Rev. J. F. Forsyth, of Des Arc. This group composed of Gurdon, Dobyville and Kirby.

### GEORGIA.

**Atlanta—First Church:** Rev. C. C. Carson, D. D., of Bristol, Tenn., brother of one of our deacons, occupied the pulpit of this church on last Sunday morning. A large and attentive congregation was present. Five new members were received into this church on Sunday, February 14.

**—Inman Park:** The following five new deacons were ordained and installed at this church on Sunday evening, February 21: Messrs. R. L. Hollingsworth, H. M. Sharpe, A. D. McCain, E. H. Thompson and A. J. Stitt. One member was received on profession of faith.

**—West End:** The pastor, Rev. Lynn R. Walker, attended the Laymen's Missionary Conference, and on last Sunday he gave an account of this great meeting to his congregation. Two members have recently been received by letter.

**—Westminster:** The past week has been one of joy and sorrow for Westminster. Death has entered one of our homes, taking therefrom a lovely Christian character and member of our church, Miss Rosalie Chase. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow. Last Sunday two of the little ones—Helen Rhorer and Estelle Kitchens—united with the church on profession of their faith. Much interest is manifested in the coming prayer meeting service, when our four return delegates from Birmingham will give an account of the missionary conference recently held there. Westminster is eager to learn of every forward movement made in the great crusade to evangelize the world.

**The Woman's Missionary Union of Atlanta Presbytery:** The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Atlanta Presbytery will convene in Covington April 7, 1909. A most interesting program has been arranged and a large attendance is hoped for.

**The Presbytery of Atlanta:** The eighty-fifth stated meeting of the Presbytery of Atlanta will be held at Winder, Ga., beginning on Tuesday, April 13, 1909, at 7:30 p. m. Members of Presbytery and all other persons concerned will please be governed accordingly.

Jno. I. Armstrong, S. C.

**Called meeting of Atlanta Presbytery:** The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Atlanta Presbytery, to meet in First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, at 12 m., Monday, March 1 to transact the following business: To dismiss Rev. P. P. Vinn, D. D., to the Presbytery of Asheville. To grant the Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta permission to prosecute the call which the church has extended to Rev. D. H. Ogden, before the Presbytery of Knoxville.

J. B. Gordon, Moderator.

**Savannah Presbytery** will meet at Mt. Vernon, Ga., April 13, 1909. Dr. James Y. Fair will preach the opening sermon; subject, "Calvinism the Scriptural Theology." Maj. J. O. Varnado will follow with an address on "Calvin the Man of his Time," and Rev. A. L. Patterson will speak on "Influence of Calvin on the Religious and Political World." Each church is expected to send a full record of the year's work, with the Presbyterial assessment of ten cents per member. The treasurer of the Presbytery urges a

prompt response and the full assessment to meet a deficit and the extra expense incurred this year by the Presbytery on the Calvin celebration.

Rev. R. O. Brown, S. C.

**Columbus:** Dr. D. C. Lilly was with the First Church February 7. The large auditorium was filled with a splendid congregation, and they heard a great message; yes, two of them. Every congregation ought, if possible, to hear Dr. Lilly's sermon on "The Man and his Money." Governor Glenn would have had a full house on Tuesday night, February 9, except for a rain storm of such violence that no one could get out, and the service was postponed until some day in April. There were nine additions to this church at the January communion.

### KENTUCKY.

**Rev. J. W. Atwood** has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Carrollton Church, after serving it for several months as stated supply. He received petitions from the Catholics and colored people of the town, as well as the other Protestant churches, to remain with this church.

**First Church, Louisville:** A Home Mission Society for the young people of the First Church has been organized with twenty charter members. Its object is to carry on the mission work already under the care of the church, and to organize new missions.

**Louisville:** A banquet has recently been held at the Theological Seminary, whose object was to arouse the interest of the people in the colored mission, which is in great need of larger and more convenient buildings.

**The Crescent Hill Church, Louisville:** celebrated the John Calvin day memorial services on Sunday, February 21. The subjects discussed were: "America's Debt to Calvin," "Calvin, the Scholar and Writer," "Calvinism and Character," "What we as Calvinists Owe to the World," "Calvin the Teacher and Preacher," and "Calvin, the Statesman and Reformer." Speakers from the different churches took part. It was a most enjoyable and profitable occasion. Rev. C. Wm. Sommerville is pastor of this church.

**The Presbytery of Louisville** held an adjourned meeting in the First Church, Louisville, Tuesday, February 16, and received the Northern Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, which was dismissed by the Presbytery of Louisville, of the Northern Church (U. S. A.) on the same date, and united it with the Southern Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville. The transfer was made with the utmost cordiality and good will, having been requested by the congregations of the two churches by a unanimous vote. The union will become effective April 1, when the present pastorates will terminate. Rev. David M. Sweets, D. D., has been pastor of the Southern Church for nearly ten years and resigned to become the editor of the Christian Observer. Rev. J. Rockwell Smith has been pastor of the Northern Church for almost two years. No steps will be taken toward the calling of a pastor by the unitel church until the union becomes effective, April 1. A